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SUBJECT: "SPY" ARRESTED IN CAIRO

1. CAIRO PRESS NOVEMBER 15 ANNOUNCED ARREST OF RETIRED COLONEL LATIF GAYYAD SHUKRY ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR "MORE THAN ONE FOREIGN EMBASSY IN CAIRO." REPORTEDLY, SHUKRY HAS WORKED SINCE RETIRING FROM ARMY IN 1963 AS ADVERTISING MANAGER FOR WEEKLY PAPER WATANI, A LEADING COPTIC PUBLICATION WHICH HAS CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 30,000.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SHUKRY WAS PAID LE 3000 BETWEEN 1963 AND 1975 FOR INFORMATION HE WAS ABLE TO COLLECT ON VIEWS OF CAIRO ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS, EGYPTIAN-ARAB RELATIONS, IMPACT OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, POPULAR REACTION TO EGYPTIAN FOREIGN POLICY, AND OTHER CURRENT ISSUES. REPORTEDLY, SHUKRY, WHO WAS BORN IN 1923, HAS MADE FULL CONFESSION FOLLOWING SEARCH OF HIS HELIOPOLIS HOME BY CHIEF OF MILITARY PROSECUTION. HE
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WILL STAND TRIAL ON CHARGE OF TREASON WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS IN CERTAIN UNNAMED EMBASSIES WITH WHOM SHUKRY HAS BEEN DEALING HAVE BEEN PNGED AND HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES.

4. A "RESPONSIBLE SOURCE" AT EGYPTIAN GENERAL INTELLIGENCE IS QUOTED BY AHRAM AS SAYING THREE MORE ESPIONAGE CASES ARE PRESENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED AND THAT DETAILS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC SHORTLY.

5. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS DO NOT MAKE CLEAR FOR WHOM SHUKRY WAS ALLEGEDLY SPYING. PAPERS SAY ONLY HE WAS WORKING THROUGH SEVERAL EMBASSIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO "ENEMY INTELLIGENCE," WHICH SOUNDS LIKE ISRAEL. NORMALLY, HOWEVER, IF AN EGYPTIAN RESIDENT IS ACCUSED OF SPYING FOR ISRAEL, GENERAL INTELLIGENCE WOULD SAY SO SPECIFICALLY IN ITS PRESS RELEASE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DISCOVER WHAT EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED.
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